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Press Release

HIALEAH'S ART INITIATIVE UNVEILS NEW PIECE

Hialeah, Florida – Before a standing room only audience, the City of Hialeah unveiled another artistic piece on March 5, 2008, further expanding Mayor Julio Robaina's Art Initiative. The piece entitled *Cuba-Cachita-Cuba* by Laura Luna, will grace the wall of the newly renovated Walker Park Community Center and E-Library through a partnership between Mayor Robaina, the City of Hialeah Council and Miami-Dade Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

On hand for the event was the Commissioner who, upon unveiling it, showed great admiration for the artist and her work. "I've always been a great admirer of Laura Luna and her art. It is a great pleasure for me to be able to share such a wonderful piece with the citizens of Hialeah," she expressed.

Perhaps, the most excited person of all was artist Laura Luna, who was surprised by 22 children from the buildings Centro Mater West Head Start program, who were on hand to cheer her on. The incredibly detailed piece, featuring the image of the Virgin as guardian of the island beyond its borders and through time, was inspired by the religious-cultural integration, which has always existed in Cuba.

The artwork, part painting, part sculpture, will offer a splash of color and aesthetic appeal to the facility while celebrating the honor and strife which has always been prominent among residents of the island.

When asked how she felt about her artwork being displayed in Hialeah, Luna responded: "I am very proud to have this piece placed in a location where it can be viewed by all who visit the facility."